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**Written Testimony on
Senate Bill No. 373
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Due to the quick emergence and velocity of SB 373, unlike the Oakland County Pharmacists Executive Board, the Wayne County Pharmacists Association has not had the opportunity to meet and formally vote on SB 373.

Greg Baise, RPh member of Wayne County Pharmacists Association Executive Board joins the OCPA to oppose SB 373 as written and requests that the Health Policy Committee delay its vote on this bill to allow for further discussion and consideration of a whole bill amendment.

SB 373 as well as the words of the author and what I see as the author's intent overlook the critical role of the pharmacist and the profession of pharmacy in protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan

I believe that the citizens of Michigan would be better served if Senate Bill 373:

- Gave the Board of Pharmacy responsibility for the approval, monitoring and review of pilot projects.
- Required pilot projects to meet a documented public health need, and safeguard to not serve any singular economic interest or be rooted in providing a certain entity or entities and unfair economic advantage. Such legislation should not be there simply to choose winners and losers.
- Required pilot projects be designed based on sound scientific methods and promote patient safety to the greatest degree possible. Michigan is a state rich in research-intensive universities and colleges, forward-thinking healthcare systems, innovation centers. That being understood, any such legislation should look to using these institutions in conjunction with the Michigan Pharmacists Association as a primary source for creating new ways of improving patient care.
- Selected pilot projects based on the scientific merits of the petition proposal and its potential significance of the project to public health. Funding of such projects as well as cost for proper pharmacy board monitoring and oversight should be at the expense of those entities seeking approval of pilot projects and not the public. Public grants could be made available, but on a very limited basis.